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and responds to the rejections on pages 10-11 by specifically mentioning these claims by number, quoting language from the rejected claims, and discussing the primary reference. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that these rejections were addressed in the reply of September 14, 2004.

Based on the above remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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